

Examiner-Initiated Interview Summary

Application No.

10/817,588

Applicant(s)

UEHARA ET AL.

Examiner

Ruth C. Rodriguez

Art Unit

3677

All Participants:(1) Ruth C. Rodriguez, PTO.(2) Michael Leonard, Applicant's representative.**Status of Application:** _____

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Date of Interview: 23 March 2006**Time:** 2:00 PM**Type of Interview:**☒ Telephonic☐ Video Conference☐ Personal (Copy given to: ☐ Applicant ☐ Applicant's representative)Exhibit Shown or Demonstrated: ☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes, provide a brief description:

Part I.

Rejection(s) discussed:

None

Claims discussed:

6 and 12

Prior art documents discussed:

None

Part II.

SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW DESCRIBING THE GENERAL NATURE OF WHAT WAS DISCUSSED:

See Continuation Sheet

Part III.☒ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview directly resulted in the allowance of the application. The examiner will provide a written summary of the substance of the interview in the Notice of Allowability.☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview did not result in resolution of all issues. A brief summary by the examiner appears in Part II above.

(Examiner/SPE Signature)

(Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature – if appropriate)

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was discussed: The Examiner called Mr. Leonard to propose an Examiner's amendment needed to correct some instances of lack of antecedent basis on claims 6 and 12. The Examiner indicated the two instances in each claim were changes were needed and Mr. Leonard agreed to these changes. Additionally, two claims needed to be canceled since the final rejection only had five rejected claims and the amendment had seven claims. The Examiner proposed canceling claims 8 and 9 and changing the dependency of claims 13 and 14 to include claim 6. Mr. Leonard agreed to this change. Both parties agreed to make these changes through an Examiner's amendment in order to place the Application in condition for allowance.